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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 November 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3, 5 . 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1 - 10, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Halamik et al. U.S. patent No. 6,271,735

Regarding to claims 1, and 10, Fig. 4 Halamik et al. disclose a Oscillator circuitry comprising: a capacitor (114); capacitor charging means (112) arranged to supply a current to charge the capacitor to a first predetermined threshold voltage; capacitor discharging means (104, 106, 108) arranged to discharge the capacitor to a second predetermined threshold voltage; and switching means (82) arranged to switch between a capacitor discharging mode and a capacitor charging mode responsive to reaching at least one of said threshold voltages (Col. 5 lines 34 – 53), wherein the at

least one threshold voltage is determined by a threshold setting means (92, 90, 94, 96) which provides a voltage threshold which varies to compensate for changes in temperature (Col. 4 lines 47 – 52).

Regarding to claim 2, wherein the threshold setting means comprises a current source and a resistive means which varies in resistance in dependence upon temperature (Fig. 2 [70, 72, 74]).

Regarding to claim 3, wherein the switching means comprises a comparator (82) arranged to monitor voltage across the capacitor and to trigger a change between the discharging and charging modes.

Regarding to claim 4, wherein the comparator is connected to a first control transistor (Fig. 2 [60, 62]), which sets the first and second predetermined threshold voltages of the capacitor.

Regarding to claim 5, wherein the first control transistor is arranged to selectively by-pass an element of a resistive chain (equation 1).

Regarding to claim 6. Circuitry as claimed in claim 3, wherein the comparator is connected to a second control transistor (Fig. 4, [104]), which controls current flow to facilitate charging and discharging of the capacitor means (Col. 5 lines 34 – 53).

Regarding to claim 7, wherein the resistive means comprises one or more diode-connected transistors (94).

Regarding to claim 8, wherein the capacitor charging means comprises a current source (112).

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Regarding to claim 9, wherein the capacitor discharging means comprises a current source (110).

Contact Information

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